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Maryville is set to host the 2018 NCAA Division II Central Regional tournament for the second-straight year at Bearcat Arena March 9-12 Northwest is seeded as the top seed in the field of eight teams.

MARYVILLE MADNESS

Road to Sioux Falls starts at Bearcat Arena, again

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Four hours after claiming the program’s third-consecutive MIAA tournament trophy, Northwest men’s basketball team made its way to Carson’s Sports Grill.

The Bearcats (27-3) gathered around the projector screen, and before it was even turned on, they knew. For the second-straight year, the road to the Division II Elite Eight would have to go through Bearcat Arena.

“As a team, we’ve been looking forward to this all year,” senior guard Xavier Kurth said. “Having more home games, then having the senior night as the last one, this is huge for us.”

When the NCAA Division II selection show began, they discovered the field for the central region.

The tournament includes No. 2 seed Northern State, No. 3 seed Southern Nazarene, No. 4 seed Southwest Minnesota State, No. 5 seed Missouri Southern, No. 6 seed St. Cloud State, No. 7 seed Washburn and No. 8 seed Minnesota State.

As a member of the regional selection committee, coach Ben McCollum feels the order matches what it should be.

“I don’t think in a lot of regions they get it right. I thought our committee was really good,” McCollum said. “I thought it was the exact teams where if you asked every team in the region,



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those are the teams that were supposed to be there.”

For a potential three games, a sea of green could fill the stands at Bearcat Arena. As glorifying as it sounds, things may not come easy for Northwest.

The Bearcats experienced it first hand in last year’s opening round, holding off Upper Iowa 79-74 in overtime. With it being post-season, Northwest knows it has to be ready for anything.

“I think we all realize one bad game, and we go home,” freshman forward Ryan Hawkins said. “I think that gives us a little more desire and a little more focus in practice the week leading up to tournament setting games.”

Northwest begins its quest through the region against Minnesota State at 6 p.m. March 10. This is a rematch of the 2015 first round.

The Mavericks were not in the 2016 regional tournament. McCollum compares their style to MIAA opponent Pittsburg State in height.

“They’re pretty good across the board,” McCollum said. “They’re 6-4 sometimes at point, then they’ll go 6-4, 6-4, 6-5.”

Junior guard Joey Witthus was a member of the 2015 Minnesota State squad.

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Regionals just the start for city economic growth

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While the NCAA Division II Basketball Regional Tournament rolls into Maryville, director of athletics and local legend Mel Tjeerdsma said this is just the beginning.

Eight college basketball programs are set to enter the small town of Maryville, March 9, for the second-straight year.

With the recent investment of the multi-million dollar Hughes Field House, Tjeerdsma said that the increase in population is a glimpse into what’s to come for the city of Maryville.

“I think this is just a preview, and it kind of whets people’s appetites for great things to come,” Tjeerdsma said. “We’re going to be hosting some major track meets, and we’re going to have a lot of great athletes in this community.”

City Manager Greg McDanel said that over the years, Northwest Athletics has played a major role in impacting Maryville.

“Obviously, the success of the football program, and as of late the basketball program, has brought tremendous impact to our community,” McDanel said.

McDanel said he agrees this is “absolutely” a sneak preview into the economic growth and potential the city has.

“If we have five or six track meets in the spring, along with regionals and national championships, potentially, that’s going



to bring in hundreds, if not thousands of guests to our community,” McDanel said. “Filling our hotels and restaurants constantly-- that’s critical.”

While the population of Maryville sits around 12,000 people, that number is sure to increase as hotels, including the Holiday Inn Express, the newly constructed Boulders Inn and Suites and the Red Roof Inn, are all booked up.

While those hotels are all booked, as of 9 a.m. Wednesday, all but 15 hotel rooms remain available in the entire city of Maryville Friday and Saturday.

In 2016, Northwest Missouri State and Mozingo Recreation conducted two separate studies to see what the economic impact was from both parties. Northwest Missouri State numbers estimated in the \$619 million ballpark.

“Those studies were essentially a baseline,” McDanel said.

That number was calculated before the Watson 9 golf course, the Boulder’s Inn and Suites, the new Mozingo Conference Center and with the construction of the Hughes Field House was even put into consideration.

Now with a \$26 million investment into Kawasaki Feb. 13, the Maryville natives and sports fans alike have plenty to be proud of.

Reigning Division II Coach of the Year Ben McCollum said that it’s a privilege to be hosting the regional tournament for the second-straight year.

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Rapist sentenced to three years, avoids registry

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A Cass County, Iowa, man was sentenced to three years of state prison time for second degree rape Feb. 26.

Hunter Bechtol, 21, was charged with having sexual intercourse without consent with a confidential victim.

University Police Department received a report of an alleged rape April 2 around 1 p.m. The incident occurred inside the victim’s residence hall in South Complex around 3 to 4 a.m. April 2.

The Atlantic Police arrested Bechtol May 9 on a Nodaway

County Missouri state warrant for second degree rape. Bechtol was transported to Cass County Jail and held on a \$30,000 bond.

A unanimous grand jury found Bechtol guilty of second degree rape over a two-day trial Jan. 24-25.

Prosecuting Attorney Robert Rice argued for a seven-year sentence, the maximum punishment for a Class D felony. Bechtol’s defense attorney, Theodore Wonio and Samuel Scroggie, argued for probation.

“It goes right back into my argument that it’s always been about him,” Rice said during trial. “What you have here is injuries, a person who said no, a person forcing himself upon a woman... the state rec-

ommends the maximum penalty.”

Bechtol apologized to the victim for the first time during the sentencing trial.

“I am very sorry, I never meant for you to feel this way,” Bechtol said. “I never meant for this to happen. If I could take everything back, I would never have met you. I would have stayed in Iowa, stayed home...I completely understand the wrongs that were done and committed, and I do take responsibility. I am so sorry. To the deepest level of my knowledge, I wish you peace and I hope you can move on with your life...I am truly sorry.”

Presiding 4th Circuit Court, Judge Roger Prokes said during

the trial Bechtol would not be required to register as a sex offender.

“I think culture needs to take a bit of responsibility for what happened here,” Prokes said. “It’s hard to go to a movie, click on the TV, to see anything in our society from a cultural standpoint in which sex isn’t made to look like something just like pulling your shoes on. People look at each other, the message we get from our culture is sex is going to follow shortly. I can’t help but think a little bit of that mindset has soaked into Hunter on this.”

Prokes also said Bechtol will receive credit for the 70 days he has already spent in jail.



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Nodaway County ambulance driver Pat Greife steps out of the county’s newest addition to the ambulance squadron, a 2017 Ford F-450 4x4 chassis purchased in December.

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Nodaway county adds new ambulance to squadron

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The Nodaway County Ambulance District recently added a newly remounted ambulance to its fleet. The box from a van-type ambulance was remounted on a new 2017 Ford F-450 4 X 4 chassis purchased in December.

Director of Operations Bill Florea described the benefits of that vehicle choice.

“We ultimately decided to choose an F series, as we can no longer get diesel engines in the van type chassis, and it has four-wheel drive available. Not a luxury that we have enjoyed in the past,” Florea said.

It is the ninth cab in the fleet. It is equipped with four-wheel drive and sits higher than all but one other member of the fleet.

“It is the second one of this type added to our fleet. It offers a bit more ground clearance and four-wheel drive to assist us in inclement conditions,” Florea said.

The four-wheel drive will help reach victims in remote locations and adverse conditions.

“We respond to a wide variety

of incidents and locations. Locations that we respond to are sometimes in remote locations, such as fields, farms, dirt roads, snow and ice-covered highways, streets and roads,” Florea said. “It is a great advantage having the ability to back up a snow-covered driveway in order to get patients loaded.”

The district’s business manager LaRee Lager explained the new ambulance is part of a continual process of keeping the ambulance at the highest standard of quality.

“The board usually does a purchase or a remount every two years; it’s something they’ve always done,” Lager said. “They like to keep the equipment new and up to date.”

The chassis cost \$165,522. That is \$35,000 less than getting a new box, making it a more cost-efficient alternative to purchasing an entirely new ambulance.

“Money is put away each year by the Ambulance Board of Directors to do something with an ambulance, either to purchase one or remount,” Lager said.

The price of the truck itself is not the only expense. The price substantially increases with the cost of

supplies and other amenities. But the district used additional resources to keep the cost at a minimum.

“Fortunately, we are able to move the cot, power load and heart monitor from a reserve ambulance, and install a manual cot in the reserve ambulance so that it still can be used,” Florea said. “We are able to use the same radios that was in the old chassis and most of the supplies. So, this method seems to be the most cost-effective way to get an almost new ambulance.”

Additional updates were done to the electrical system, including a panel that controls the oxygen and all electrical in the front and rear patient compartment. A new inverter, floor and LED lights were also installed.

The new ambulance also has a liquid-spring suspension, which makes for a smoother and more stable ride compared to the air-ride system of other ambulances.

In addition to a newly constructed ambulance, the Nodaway County Ambulance Board also invested in new Hurst Air Bags. The air bags are used to lift large obstructions off of victims.

SSM Health Medical Group Walk-in Clinic extends Saturday, Sunday hours

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The SSM Health Medical Group Walk-in Clinic expanded its Saturday and Sunday hours March 3.

Administrative Operations Manager Brandi Mayers said the clinic will now be open Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., which is when the last appointment will be taken.

In addition to the extension of the Saturday hours, SSM will now be open Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. This is the first time that SSM has offered walk-in hours on a Sunday.

The reason for this change came from the patients. Mayers said there have been numerous comments from patients about wanting hours that fit their schedule. The extension also gives patients more access to the clinic, something they have been requesting.

“What we heard (from our pa-

tients) was that they wanted more access, and we felt that giving them more access would help with that and keep people out of the emergency rooms,” Mayers said.

Before this change, patients had to visit the emergency room in order to get care. Community relations and development manager Rita Miller said this can be a problem.

“A doctor’s office visit with one of our nurse practitioners would probably run somewhere less than \$100 for sure,” Miller said. “That’s not even going to get close to it when you talk about emergency room visits.”

Miller explains that the emergency room may stop people from getting the care they need.

“We want to give our patients the opportunity to come in for non-emergency care at a low cost,” Miller said. “We still want patients to be seen, but the cost can be prohibitive. We don’t want them to not seek care if they need it.”

One of the reasons why SSM can offer these hours now, as explained by Miller, is because it now has the staff to do it.

“What we found was that there are some nurse practitioners in the area that were working elsewhere, but they had some extra hours that they were willing to devote to helping us on this coverage,” Miller said.

Miller said that part of that came from an effort to recruit nurse practitioners to the Maryville area.

“We’ve made a diligent effort to recruit medical providers for this community over the last several years,” Miller said. “One of those things is helping recruiting nurse practitioners to help staff that clinic.”

The walk-in clinic’s new hours are in effect. The clinic is located at 114 E South Hills Drive. Appointments can be made up until the posted closing time at the clinic or by phone (660) 562-2525.

Karen Hawkins Week kicks off

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Northwest hosted a series of events the week of March 5 in memoriam of Karen Hawkins, a former Northwest student whose murder stunned Northwest and the Maryville community 23 years ago.

The Karen Hawkins memorial is a weeklong event organized by the Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority, and initially began as a campus walk in her memory in 1996.

The event has grown to include speeches by friends and those involved with the Hawkins investigation, walks, games, a new cook-out event and self-defense classes.

“It was probably the most powerful experience I’ve ever been in just because it brings the community, campus and city in together,” Sigma Sigma Sigma philanthropy chair member Annelise Puett said.

Puett was responsible for organizing the event, a process she started in January with many participants and venues to manage.

Now, going into her second year organizing the event, she said it’s something the sorority looks forward to and takes seriously, while also trying to promote it in as many ways as possible.

“We want people to be aware



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Lieutenant Anthony Williams with the University Police Department teaches a self-defense move during Monday’s self-defense training as part of Karen Hawkins Week.

that things like what happened to Karen happen to a lot of different people; it can happen to you and anybody you know,” Puett said.

These events gave participants an opportunity to gain awareness, experience protecting against sexual violence and commemorate

Hawkins’ life in the process.

“Know the signs, know what to do if you’re put in a situation and that there are people they can reach out to if their stuck in that situation is what we want people to see,” Puett said.

For one notable participant,

County Sheriff Randy Strong, the event began with his presentation at the Charles Johnson Theater on Monday.

Then a lead detective in 1995, the Hawkins case was the first homicide he was in charge of and involved many people he knew per-

sonally, including Hawkins and her family.

“Karen (Hawkins) was a great friend, she was always there for her people and for everybody, she was kind to everyone,” Strong said. “I’m honored to do it; keep her memory alive.”

Strong’s presentation included circumstances surrounding the case, as well as other similar cases of his to highlight the dangers of sexual violence.

“Reading the audience, it’s a powerful impact, you don’t see many dry eyes,” Strong said.

He wanted to emphasize to women if a partner ever gets physical with them, or they hear about it happening with another person, to get help.

Strong has been giving the presentation for four years, and said he was happy to see his presentation be a part of the memorial week’s growing event.

“Kudos to the girls in the sorority,” Strong said. “What a fitting memorial to Karen is that money is going to supporting women that are in need because they’re in a violent relationship.”

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Legalization of industrial hemp growing in Missouri

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The Missouri House has given initial approval to a bill legalizing industrial hemp.

Industrial hemp is a variety of the cannabis plant, which has low concentrations of THC, the psychoactive component found in marijuana and can be used for a variety of different applications.

Missouri Rep. Rick Francis said the bill could be passed if it is approved by the Missouri Senate.

“We just approved the bill to legalize the growing of industrial hemp in the Missouri House, so it now will go to the Missouri Senate,” Francis said. “I supported this bill basically because I see it as an agricultural alternative to our Missouri farmers.”

Francis also said he supports the bill because he believes it could help grow Missouri’s economy.

“I really see this as a possibility that hemp could be grown and turned around and manufactured in Missouri bringing business to the state,” Francis said.

Junior Anna Kelley said while she is unsure about the specifics of the plant she believes it could generate more revenue.

“I don’t know how they sell it but it would probably be worth more than what corn and soybeans are selling for right now,” Kelley.

Francis said there are numerous uses of hemp that span across multiple markets.

“It can be used in a wide range of products, it can be used in paper and in construction,” Francis said. “They can use it to make concrete blocks, insulation materi-

al, animal feed, even car parts like plastic. There are 25,000 different products spanning a lot of different markets from agriculture to animal feed or automotive.”

Kelley said she believes growing the plant could work but would appeal only to a small number of farmers.

“Well it would definitely appeal to a niche market,” Kelley said. “It could be another option other than traditional crops.”


Francis said the plant can also be beneficial to the soil and help other crops flourish.

“I also want to point out that my study found that it is good for the soil and that it will bring out the nutrients and so forth in the soil when you rotate crops on your farm,” Francis said.

Francis said while people may be cautious of the plant he wants them to know it is not the same as marijuana.

“I think people are cautious, and anytime you talk about cannabis plants, but I see it as being a big benefit that we won’t be using for recreational use,” Francis said.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

Missourian covers Greeks in negative light

In last week’s edition of the Missourian, there were two articles targeting Greek life: a news article titled, “Fraternity suspended for hazing allegation” and an opinion piece titled, “University hazy on Greek allegations.” These were the first two articles about Greek life that the Missourian has covered since the Nov. 3 article, “Your Bearcat wants peace for media, Greeks.”

Although last week’s news article, “Fraternity suspended for hazing allegation” doesn’t portray Greek life in a positive light, I understand why it needed to be reported, as hazing is illegal and

a serious allegation. My problem lies with the opinion piece “University hazy on Greek allegations.” This piece is derogatory in nature, and it is obvious that the writer(s) have no experience reporting on investigations. Why would the Office of Student Involvement purposely hurt the reputation of any of the fraternities that are suspended before they know the results of the investigation and know if the allegations have merit? They wouldn’t, and they won’t, for obvious reasons. The investigations are ongoing, i.e. no one knows what actually happened. To speculate and comment on these in-

vestigations while they’re happening would not be helpful for anyone; any information given could not be proven as true or false, so the reporter would be publishing a story with facts that couldn’t be verified. If the story was published and the allegations proved to be false, then the Missourian would be needlessly damaging an entire organization’s reputation.

The allegation that Northwest suppresses reports of hazing, rape and public indecency is inaccurate. In fact, they don’t suppress anything. Instead, they wait until accurate information is known before they inform the public. No

one is “camouflaging Greek life discrepancies.” They’re taking necessary precautions to ensure the accuracy of their information, an ethical journalism practice.

The Nov. 3 article, “Your bearcat wants peace for media, Greeks” states, “If Greek Life and the Northwest Media do not start playing nice with each other, then they will only continue this disservice to their members.” In the past school year, multiple positive stories could have been written about Greek life: Phi Mu’s Mind Body Soul Campaign, Sig Ep raising money for Down Syndrome Guild of Kansas City, Tri Sigma’s Kar-

en Hawkins week, Greek participation in St. Jude’s Up Til Dawn, the all Greek GPA being higher than all undergraduate GPA and other numerous stories. Instead, Northwest Student Media chooses to only report on the negatives. All we’re asking for is fair, accurate and unbiased journalism. Do you want to be a newspaper that only reports on the negative aspects of things, or do you want to be a newspaper that accurately depicts the campus climate? I know which one I’d rather read.

Put Plato on your academic plate

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It may be news to some, but Northwest Missouri State University is discontinuing the philosophy major option from its catalogue.

This choice, whatever the reason, deeply concerns my conscience. While still keeping the Introduction to Philosophy course as a core education requirement, the sorry loss of an entire program as thought provoking as the study of thought is deeply disheartening.

“I saw the best minds of my generation destroyed by madness, starving hysterical naked...” wrote Allen Ginsberg in his famous poem “Howl.” I fear we are encountering a repeat of this sentiment in today’s perception and intake of information.

I believe philosophy has garnered a bad reputation. Not necessarily for the ideas it considers, but in the ways, we might view people who enjoy talking about it. And OK, yes, I have met some especially insufferable philosophy nuts, some of whom may or may not have thought they were abducted by aliens, but this isn’t to say I disliked what they had to say about the world.

It’s difficult separating someone’s ideas from their image, even more so in an age of rampant social media use. We are becoming brands and like the brands we identify with, whether we like it or not.

Our interpretation of each other and ourselves may well be bottlenecked by the fast-paced nature of society.

This contemporary model of information sharing doesn’t allow for someone to sit down and think about why they are thinking about the things they are thinking about. In short, we do not have the time to think.

Instant gratification is plaguing the very thought we are able to contribute to the world and people around us.

Without a basis in asking ‘why’ or ‘how,’ how can we hope to tackle the more popular and ever-present ‘what.’ For example, we can look at the ‘what’ of an issue all day long before asking ‘why’ it came to be, or ‘how’ we are going to fix it. I believe a surge of whatness in our society is becoming a hindrance to our critical thinking.

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OUR VIEW:

Lawmakers should protect our passwords

Social media has become such a prominent part of our daily lives, as we share our most intimate and recent events with the world.

The Missouri Senate committee is proposing that our postings are private affairs that should no longer determine someone’s academic eligibility, renting privileges or employment screening. The senate has put forward a bill proposing to allow the denial of access to social media accounts, treating it as a privacy right.

Senate Bill 899 could provide a sense of relief to many individuals. The inevitable reality that employers, professors and other professional can peer at you through a looking glass, has lead to a sort of self-censorship that disable the point behind social media plat-

forms to begin. In more ways than not, our postings online reflect who we are, but can we say our posting reflect the level of respect to be expected for an institution or corporation in a professional setting?

It is understandable that social media accounts are sometimes used to determine such things. The accounts can give professionals a broader and unfiltered version of a person’s character and morality. However, any organization requiring passwords and full access to social media accounts veers into the area of being unconstitutional.

Representation and reputation can be a leading decision in many application processes, whether it be for employment, renting or academic placement. This simple fact

makes it important to keep watch of actions yes, but even our words as we explore our first amendment right to express who we are through means of a collection of opinionated thoughts, photos and compilation of shared videos.

As individuals who can fall into every category at one time, as students, renters and future employees, the relevance of the bill is quite mentionable. College students are the most susceptible to possibly misrepresenting themselves in a manner that may be detrimental to their futures.

The judgment of professionals based on social media posting may be unfair at times, but the self-censorship that accompanies these worries can be beneficial. Creating a social media account is an extension of oneself

and should reflect who we are in a positive outlet. Finding a balance of appropriate amounts of online sharing and distinguishing between what words and actions may harm our image is key to creating an online presence that is acceptable for professional review as well as open enough to freedom of expression.

The Missouri Senate committee introduced the bill in January and, even though it may not be the first things on the minds of Missouri government officials, the sway of this bill could change the definition of privacy and establish a new precedent to how we handle the ethics of sharing “private” information publically.

History will be repeated without necessary action



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Political activism is the key to change and history has the proof behind it. As a history major, you learn about a variety of conflicts and struggles of people who lived centuries before us.

This concept is still seen in today’s society and political climate in multiple groups and cross sections of American society.

My parents have always told me, ‘those who do not learn from

history are doomed to repeat it.’

Throughout history, there have been multiple movements to increase the rights of a minority group.

This can be seen in the movements of the Scottish and Irish during the 17th century, the revolutions in what would become the United States and then France a few years later.

All of these movements began as a push for political reform and demonstrate the necessity for political activism.

This fight has continued to the modern day, groups are fighting just to have the right to iden-

tify as a specific gender or marry the people they love. This struggle defines who we are as a group of people and will be remembered for generations to come.

The movements have defined humanity, and if we do not acknowledge them, we are doomed to be trapped in a system of inequity that leaves people feeling like they are less than the norms of American society.

Yet so many people do not get involved because they feel like it does not involve them or impact their everyday life.

That is where they are wrong; it is important to make our world

better for everyone, regardless of their differences.

The United States Constitution starts with words everyone should know: “We the People...” However, it feels like this is a backhanded statement when you look at the societal structure of the 1780s and 1790s.

While this inequity has been fixed with numerous amendments to the United States Constitution, they all started as societal movements to make a change in our country.

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Visiting artist portrays ability through gallery

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Kansas City, Missouri, has grown into a beacon extraordinary works of arts from local and national artist alike. From the Crossroads Art District, the Nelson-Atkins Museum and the Kemper Museum, the city is alight with creative energy.

Art gallery director and artist herself Sherry Leedy has been a leader in cultivating the creative aura of the city with Sherry Leedy Contemporary Art Gallery, located in the Crossroads Art District of Kansas City. Established in 1985, Sherry Leedy Contemporary Art has been one of the city’s finest exhibitions of established and upcoming artist.

“We show contemporary art,” Leedy said. “Living artist, from our region or around the country, even international artist, all working in different media, ceramics, painting, photography.”

With over 100 solo displays and over 50 featured artists, Leedy represents a multitude of distinguished contemporary masterpieces. Sharing their beauty and meaning with hundreds of Kansas Cityans who appreciate the living spirit inside these works.

“In my definition, (contemporary art) would be living artist, and not historic works,” Leedy said. “It’s what people are making right now.”

And as Leedy shared featured artist works with fellow Bearcats, their self-expression combined with their personal relevance to society and culture catapulted students into the worlds of the creators. Each artist different from the other, each work bringing in

new concepts of color, texture and realism.

“Everyone that I work with are pretty extraordinary artist,” Leedy said. “Everyone is unique in what they do. So, I don’t have a particular favorite artist at all.”

While Leedy is not the focal point of her gallery, her artistic paintings and drawings display a visual story of her observations. Leedy transforms ordinary objects into three-dimensional beauty using form, patterns, colors and light.

“What I do as an artist is separate from what I do at the gallery,” Leedy said. “As an artist, I am a painter and drawer, so I am always working on steady new work. One thing sort of leads to another thing. It’s an exploration and continuation of the observation.”

Her expertise in the creative world opened the eyes of many students in attendance of the series. Sophomore and graphic art major, Jori Kursh shared what art meant to her. Self-expression being the main component of her definition.

“Art is a way to escape from the judgment of others,” Kursh said. “Just expressing how you feel inside. It’s a stress reliever that helps me focus on things in my life that I am stressing about and just let it flow into my work.”

Whether it is students self-expression, a gallery full of beautiful artworks or the art displayed throughout Kansas City, the depths of what classifies as artistic expression are endless in their meanings.

“Art is a lot of different things, but at the core of it is creativity,” Leedy said. “All art music, visual or dance it’s that core creativity and love of the exploration of what that means.”



TODD WEDDLE | NORTHWEST MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY
The Northwest Wind Symphony, directed by John Bell, performed at the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts in Kansas City, Missouri, Monday evening.

Wind symphony blows young musicians away

SARAH VON SEGGERN
A&E Reporter | @TheMissourian

Northwest proved once again just how much talent there is through the many musicians who participated in “Young Artists: The Future of Music” concert.

The Northwest Wind Symphony performed at Helzberg Hall at Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts in Kansas City March 5 at 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The performance consisted of two Kansas City-area high school bands, Park Hill High School Symphonic Band and Blue Springs South High School Wind Symphony with Northwest finishing off the night.

Each ensemble had about 55 students each with their own talents to give.

Senior and broadcasting production major and minoring in music Eli Stanley has played the clarinet since he was in fifth grade. Even though Stanley was unable to play in the wind symphony last semester, he was happy to get back into rhythm with his fellow bandmates.

While most of the wind symphony members were given the fall semester to work on the program music, there were a few, like Stanley, who had less time to pre-

pare for the concert.

“(I had to) practice and just make sure I was coming in with no distractions, so I could actually focus because I don’t do very well practicing alone...” Stanley said. “When I go and practice on my own, I get nothing done. So, I have to make sure that when I’m learning in the group setting that I’m actually learning things, writing things down and making sure I actually remember it.”

All the practice paid off by the end of the night, as the Northwest Wind Symphony ended their performance with an encore piece.

“The concert went very well yesterday (March 5),” Stanley said. “All the hard work has paid off. Kauffman was beautiful and you could hear every note that was played. (We) did amazingly well, and you could tell that so much time and hard work was dedicated in (everybody’s) preparation from last night’s concert.”

With the specifically designed interior of Helzberg Hall, the experience the students gained was more than just academic.

Director of Bands and Artist-In-Residence John Bell is the conductor of the wind symphony and is always excited to provide many experiences to his students.

“There are several goals with

this performance; collaboration and outreach to two outstanding band programs, the opportunity to perform for alumni, friends and colleagues who rarely get to attend a performance on campus,” Bell said. “However, the primary focus is to give the members of the Northwest Wind Symphony the opportunity to perform in a world-class venue like Helzberg Hall. Everything from the acoustical properties to the general architecture of the complex will be an extraordinary experience.”

Bell was able to provide such an experience by inquiring about the possibility of booking a performance in Helzberg Hall.

“They indicated what dates might be available, and I then made the request through channels on campus...” Bell said. “Once it was approved, I was very happy that we would be able to offer this opportunity for our students to experience. I then asked two Kansas City-area high school band directors to join us and both agreed immediately.”

Playing at Kauffman Center was a huge stepping-stone for the Northwest Wind Symphony. None of it would have been possible without the efforts of both the band directors and the students.



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Feb. 21
There is an open investigation for stealing at Tower Suites West.

Feb. 24
There is a closed investigation for liquor law violation at South Complex.

Feb. 27
There is a closed investigation for rape at Hudson Hall.

There was a closed investigation for liquor law violation at Perrin Hall.

Maryville Public Safety Department

Feb. 26
There is an ongoing investigation for property damage at Judah Park.

There is an ongoing investigation for peace disturbance at the 1600 block of South Main Street.

There is an ongoing investigation for assault at the 900 block of South Walnut Street.

Feb. 27
There is an ongoing investigation for fraud at the 200 block of East Third Street.

Feb. 28
There is an ongoing investigation for larceny from a motor vehicle at the 700 block of East Seventh Street.

There was a bicycle recovered at the 1300 block of North Main Street.

March 1
A summons was issued to **Anthony Ebrecht**, 26, for peace disturbance at the 500 block of East Davison Square.

There was a closed investigation for liquor law violation at Perrin Hall.

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March 2
There was a closed investigation for a warrant arrest for **Colton Downing**, 21, at Lot 9.

A driver’s license was lost/stolen at the 200 block of East Third Street.

A summons was issued to **Nickolas Bradshaw**, 23, for driving while intoxicated and speeding at the 700 block of South Main Street.

A summons was issued to **George Harvey**, 30, for code violation at the 500 block of West Torrance Street.

March 2
There is an ongoing investigation for fraud at the 100 block of North Main Street.

There is an ongoing investigation for fraud at the 1200 block of South Main Street.

There is an ongoing investigation for harassment at the 100 block of South Main Street.

A summons was issued to **Colton Downing**, 21, for wanted on warrant and failure to appear at the 400 block of North Market Street.

March 4
There is an ongoing investigation for a dangerous animal at the 300 block of Volunteer Avenue.

HOROSCOPES



ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20
A voice of reason may be telling you to slow down, Aries. Listen to this voice and take a breather. You will be glad you did when you get a chance to sit back and relax.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, it can be challenging to measure progress right now, but rest assured you’re on the right track. Trust your instincts and let the results speak for themselves.

GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21
Gemini, communication is your strong suit this week. You may find yourself in a position to convey difficult directions to others or serve as the mouthpiece of the company.

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, it may seem like people are judging you, even before they get to know you or your intentions. Be patient and give new relationships time to develop.

LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23
Your friendly demeanor puts others at ease, Leo. However, they may be so enamored with your personality that they overlook your accomplishments this week.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
See if you can go unseen for the next few days, Virgo. Now is not your time to bask in the spotlight. You might get more done if you sit back and give others a chance to shine.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
Your relationships mean a lot to you, Libra. You want to do everything possible to solidify those close friendships. Be sure to network whenever possible.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, you can use a little personal recognition this week, even if you have to encourage others to give you some words of praise. Use those positive words as inspiration.

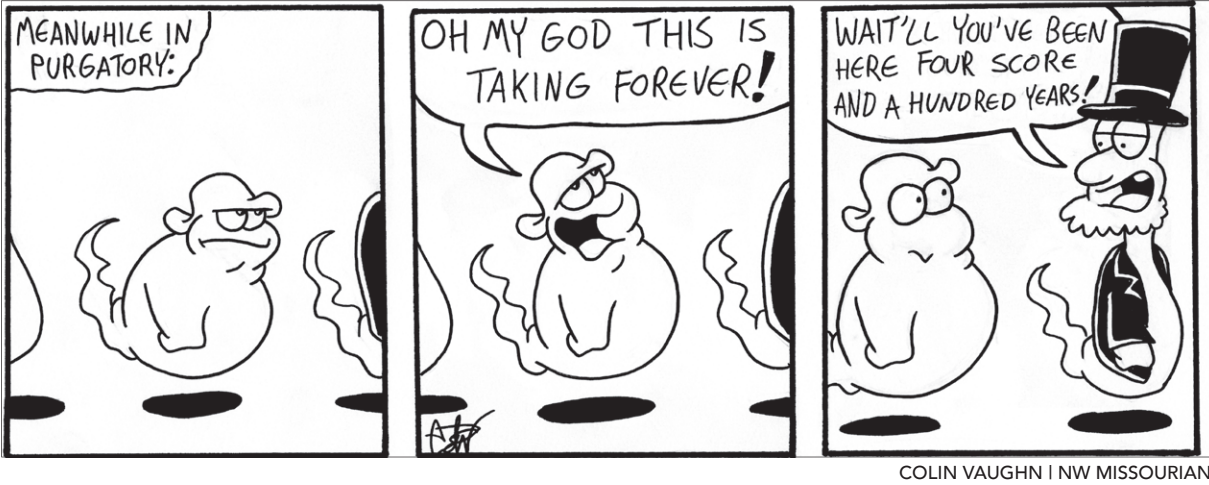
SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21
The ups and downs that have defined a romantic relationship are about to become a little more complex, Sagittarius. These plot twists can be exciting.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
You may want to lighten up your mood, Capricorn. Figure out how to express your fun-loving side. Take some cues from friends who can get you to relax.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, people want to share in your current success, but you don’t share the same views — especially when you think your accomplishments aren’t that big a deal.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20
Try to escape into a fantasy world for a little while, Pisces. You don’t have to focus on serious tasks all of the time and will enjoy this respite.

Paranormal Inactivity



COLIN VAUGHN | NW MISSOURIAN

PETS OF THE WEEK



Angel

Human: Teresa Beck

Age: 5 **Weight:** 21 lbs **Squish Factor:** 10/10

Likes:

- Napping in the Sun
- Breathing VERY LOUDLY
- Rubbing Her Face on Things

Dislikes:

- Baths
- Exercise
- Vegetables

Tip for World Domination
“Place yourself in the highest possible spot in any room so as to be taller than your subjects. Make sure everyone knows who’s boss.”

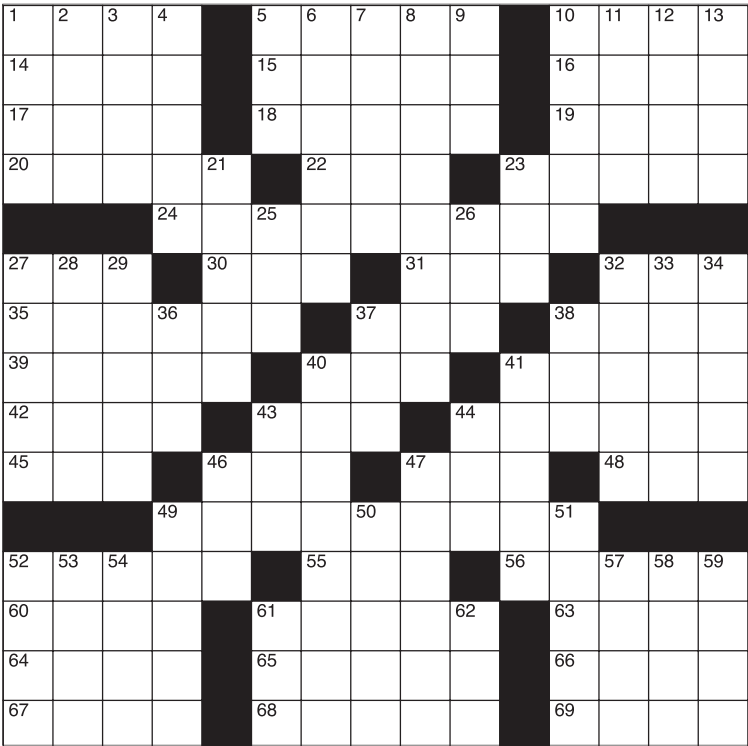
Favorite Song:
“Earth Angel” by the Temptations

Dream Job:
US State Senator



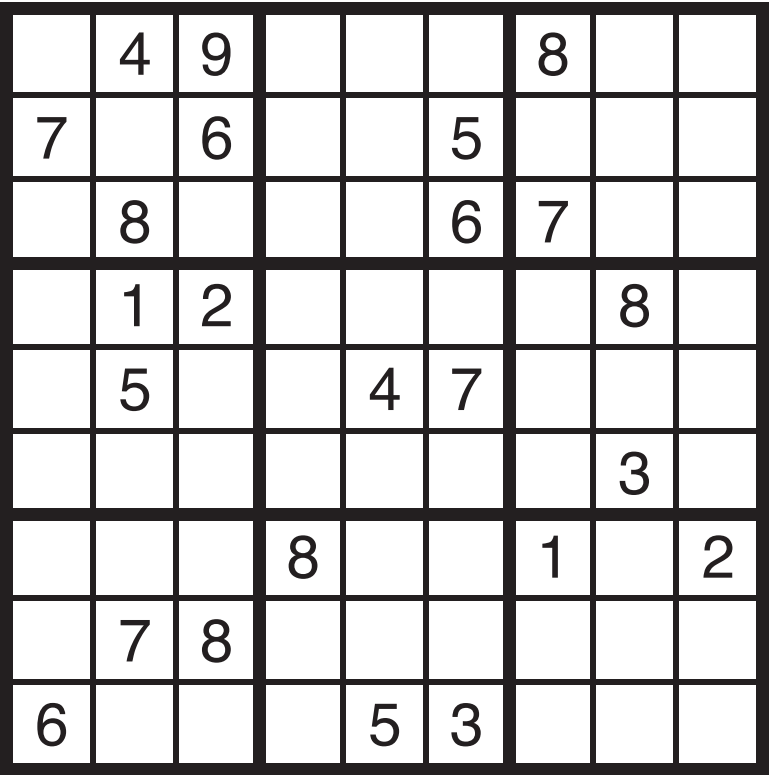
CROSSWORD

- CLUES ACROSS
- 1. Unpleasant substance
 - 5. Oil group
 - 10. One-time Yankees rookie sensation
 - 14. Ireland
 - 15. Less easily found
 - 16. Southeast Nigeria people
 - 17. Bridgeline Digital stock designation
 - 18. Play loudly
 - 19. Elegantly fashionable
 - 20. Open sore
 - 22. Frozen water
 - 23. Sacred Islamic site
 - 24. “Kokomo” rockers
 - 27. Follows sigma
 - 30. Cease to exist
 - 31. Cool
 - 32. Doctors’ group
 - 35. Less attractive
 - 37. Swiss river
 - 38. Greek sophist
 - 39. Grandmothers
 - 40. Afflict
 - 41. Russian pancake of buckwheat flour and yeast
 - 42. Actress __ Rachel Wood
 - 43. Not bright
 - 44. Western Asia peninsula
 - 45. Baseball speedster Gordon
 - 46. Golf score
 - 47. Transmits genetic information from DNA to the cytoplasm
 - 48. Diego, Francisco, Anselmo
 - 49. Songs to one’s lover
 - 52. Cattle’s mammary gland
 - 55. Having ten
 - 56. Fencing sword
 - 60. Scarlett’s home
 - 61. Hold valuables
 - 63. Italian Seaport
 - 64. Cain and __
 - 65. Bad places to live
 - 66. Large, wading bird
 - 67. Witches
 - 68. Cover with drops
 - 69. Props up the head



- CLUES DOWN
- 1. Philippine province
 - 2. Shallow channel
 - 3. Type of acid
 - 4. Cygnus’ brightest star
 - 5. One who buys and sells securities (abbr.)
 - 6. Ill will
 - 7. Plant of the goosefoot family
 - 8. Intellectual
 - 9. Mineral
 - 10. Shiny silicate minerals
 - 11. Ottoman civilian title
 - 12. What you wear when eating BBQ (2 words)
 - 13. Soul and calypso song
 - 21. Advises
 - 23. “The Spanish Tragedy” playwright
 - 25. Surrounds the earth
 - 26. Paddle
 - 27. Adjusted
 - 28. Succulent plant
 - 29. Forearm bones
 - 32. Belonging to Egyptian ascetic Apollo’s colleague
 - 33. Type of mental illness
 - 34. One from Asia
 - 36. 007’s creator
 - 37. Direct toward
 - 38. Pie __ mode
 - 40. Large terrier
 - 41. Hillsides
 - 43. Patriotic women (abbr.)
 - 44. Connects words
 - 46. For each
 - 47. Flower cluster
 - 49. Closes a deal
 - 50. Arabian desert
 - 51. Vaccine against poliomyelitis
 - 52. American state
 - 53. Religion practiced in China
 - 54. Type of sediment
 - 57. Hall of Famer Ruth
 - 58. “Layla” singer Clapton
 - 59. Gamble
 - 61. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
 - 62. Midway between south and southwest

SUDOKU





Sammuel Heavens stands next to the Missouri river after traveling from Cambridgeshire in England. Heavens came to Missouri Jan. 3 and will head back home April 28.

SUBMITTED

Make ‘em laugh

International student explores every horizon

MICHAEL CRIFE
A&E Editor I @MikeCripe

For junior media and communications student Samuel Heavens, nothing is more important than entertaining, informing and educating an audience, especially when he gets to convey his messages through comedy.

As a quick conversation would show, Heavens is well spoken, overwhelmingly polite and certainly not the traditional Northwest student. Heavens’ natural accent and courteous attitude were homegrown in Sawston, Cambridgeshire in England, a town he has recently set aside in order to study abroad in his efforts to expand his knowledge on mass communication.

Leaving family and friends on the other side of the world to fly by oneself to places unknown can be intimidating to say the least, but passion is what keeps Heavens going.

Heavens knew another student from his university back home who studied abroad at Northwest and made the most of their time. Heavens saw opportunity to test his mettle, and he took it.

“I thought I’d like to experience what life is like abroad, how I’d cope with it individually,” Heavens said. “It was a personal venture to see how I would develop as a person and how I would develop my character. For me, there has always been a cloud of doubt surrounding studying in America, but being here has reaffirmed that I would like to work abroad.”

After he goes back to his family, Heavens wants to eventually make his way back to America, but this time he has his eyes on a West Coast location.

This can be credited to the surprising ease Heavens found during his transition to the United States. The preparations he made during his studies and time back home are what Heavens feels trained him to appreciate and learn from other cultures.

Heavens is proud of how far he has come, but he still understands his time as a media communications student was not always so concrete. From when he was young to today, the thing Heavens is most passionate about is one of the most basic of human abilities: laughter.

“An endgame would be to be a producer on a comedy series,” Heavens said. “Comedy, as a genre in television and film, is quite personal to me because that is kind of how I got into the industry. Having that ability to make mass audiences laugh, giving them escapism or something that is positive, I think, is quite important. Being able to play a part in that on a mass audience scale is something truly beautiful.”

To Heavens, comedy is multi-layered. Comedians with stand-up routines can write material for hours on end so their jokes tell stories and evoke specific, relatable emotions. Other forms of comedy, however, take a more simple approach. Though this approach is just as effective.

Comedians like Johnny English and Mr. Bean are what drew Heavens into the art of making others laugh, and he has never looked back.

“It all originated with Rowan Atkinson, him being a spy and that sort of slapstick humor,” Heavens said. “Mr. Bean’s whole concept has him rarely saying few words in English. Yet, on a global audience scale, people recognize him and

can engage with the humor. If you look at that analytically, it is incredible how so many people can engage with something so simple in essence.”

Heavens said he feels the world is largely conflicted in terms of culture and politics. He says having more things like comedy connecting the population on a deeper level is something the general public should strive toward and promote.

What is perhaps Heavens’ favorite quote reflects his feelings on the importance of a lighthearted world. The quote comes from comedian Kenneth Williams.

“What can you say at the end of the day?” Heavens recited. “Was the plot so sound or the lines profound? Was there rather less grain than chaff? What can you say at the end of the day? You can say you made them laugh.”

From working with the British Broadcast Corporation (BBC) to working weekly on Catatouille, Heavens manages to stay busy in his pursuit of one day producing a comedy series.

Though his time with the BBC was limited, he still gained valuable experience, helping out behind the scenes and writing the occasional article.

Heavens said working with the BBC, while valuable, in some ways was just as beneficial as working with student organizations. From everything he has done to everywhere he has gone, if Heavens has learned one thing, it is the weight that drive and work

ethic carry.

“It sounds cliché, but I find working with student shows here to be rewarding in the sense that I’m working with a different group of people than I would at home,” Heavens said. “It is a different kind of environment. It showed me that anyone from any background with any sort of experience can enter the industry.”

His advice is not limited to just those looking to move forward in their desired careers; it is advice he feels everyone should at least give a listen to.

“A lot of it is recognizing that putting dedication, effort and commitment to joining an industry can place anyone well within their means to do so,” Heavens said. “I think it is just being able to have that self-confidence in your abilities and learning from anything you do. If you don’t take these opportunities, you can’t expand your skill set.”

Kassie Emme, sophomore video production major and producer for Catatouille, says most others, herself included, view Heavens has an endlessly driven person. Despite this relentlessly studious attitude, she does not feel Heavens sacrifices his admirable personality.

“Samuel is someone that will not rest until a project is near perfect in his eyes,” Emme said. “He has been a great help on Catatouille, and I really enjoy hearing his perspective on the production. He is also very confident in his work and demeanor. I think he makes a phenomenal first impression.”

Heavens’ trip to becoming a Bearcat started at Northwest, but he will always be in hot pursuit of any goals that come his way, whether it be through comedy or not.

He has one piece of advice for anyone who is ever questioning their own abilities.

“Have the confidence in yourself in order to push the horizons that you want to see,” Heavens said. “If you have the ability to believe in yourself and to work on yourself, then

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TAYLOR LEGRONE | NW MISSOURIAN
Juanita Simmons participates in an event to raise relationship violence awareness, painting a message on a t-shirt during the Clothesline Project, Feb. 28.

Clothesline Project brings visual message of safety

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Sexual violence is a prevalent issue in our country and one event hopes to spread messages of hope and inspiration to those in the Maryville community.

The Clothesline Project is a project that is sponsored by CARE and the Green Dot program, and it serves as a way to help support those who have been or could be affected by domestic violence.

Danielle Koonce, the Green Dot Coordinator, was excited to bring this event back to our campus.

“I think this a great opportunity for people to use their skills whether they think they don’t have any or think they have the most artistic creative skills ever,” Koonce said. “I think it is good, not only for your brain, just to do something fun and creative and maybe different and outside of the box.”

The Clothesline Project was founded in 1990 in Cape Cod, Massachusetts, to create awareness of violence against women and as a vehicle for women affected by vi-

olence to express their emotions by decorating a shirt. The shirts are hung on a clothesline in public view as testimony to the issue of violence against women.

Shyla Kallhoff a junior human services and Spanish double major was unable to make a shirt this year, she felt that it is an important activity for our community.

“It is extremely important to have Green Dot at Northwest because dating violence, random violence, stalking, etc. are things that are no stranger to our campus,” Kallhoff said. “Green Dot does amazing work at Northwest and the message can be applied to every single student. Regardless of whether or not you have had a run in with violence, which most students have, you can still be prepared to act when faced with it. Violence is happening everywhere, and at all times, and it takes just one small act of courage to be/complete a green dot.”

This project was first introduced last year but was done slightly different this year.

“Last year, we did painting

kits that organizations and groups could check out; that was a little hard to keep track of, as you might imagine,” Koonce said. “This year, we did a daylong painting party, and we’re going to do a few other opportunities for people to decorate shirts at the Bobby Palooza Safe Spring Break Event and at the upcoming Sex in the Station, which will be happening just before Spring Break.”

Kallhoff wants all Bearcats to realize how important this activity means to her and other members of the Northwest community.

“Although I was not able to participate in the Clothesline Project this year, it is so so so important to make survivors of violence feel like they are not alone,” Kallhoff said. “As a survivor of varying levels of violence, the Clothesline Project means a lot to me. It makes me feel supported, and that I have people in this community who care about me.”

The T-shirts will be displayed at the Bell Tower March 27 weather permitting and will be available for the campus and community to see.

THE STROLLER: Your Bearcat wants you to read the newspaper

As a media student, I will always advocate for people to stay up-to-date in the news. As a busy student with better things to do than read the newspaper, I will still advocate for people to pick up the latest paper to skim over.

With the number of events going on every day, it would only seem natural that people would try to keep up-to-date on most of it.

This goes especially for the stories that directly affect us as college students. It seems though that many of us are not even willing to pick up a newspaper.

It seems like most of my friends are asking questions about front-page stories. Do you even look at the newspaper? I mean, for Pete’s sake the answer’s in the headline. It’s even in the infographic right next to the story.

If people find themselves too busy to stay caught up, then I’m willing to help but lately everybody who’s asking are the same people over and over again. By asking, people show they’re interested in what’s happening, but apparently not interested enough to actually read the 500 to 1,000-

word article.

It’s beyond frustrating to hear my roommates ask, “What happened to Sigma Phi Epsilon?” just knowing they didn’t even touch the newspaper.

Maybe if they opened the newspaper every once in a while, they would know what’s going on.

Reporters work really hard to get this information to the public. They’re doing a lot of hard work for everyone to stay informed. It’s definitely easier to read the whole newspaper than to cover all the events and gather sources.

If the stories not interesting, then don’t read it. At least they’ll be more knowledgeable about the events going on around them, even if they didn’t read every single piece.

The next time someone comes up, asking if you’d be interested in a paper, take it and actually find a story you like. You might be surprised at what you can learn about your community.

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Track builds off All-Region athletes

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The U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association announced the NCAA Division II Indoor All-Region list March 5, five Bearcats found their way onto the list.



Of the five to make the list three: juniors Kevin Shultz and Audrey Wichmann, with sophomore Jordan Hammond, were Division II National Championship qualifiers. Junior Dustin Ellis and freshman Mercedes Isaacson-Cover rounded out the list.

The top five finishes in each event per region earned the All-Region honors. In the central region many of the All-Region honors went to athletes from the MIAA conference. The MIAA conference made up 102 of the 200 athletes selected from the central region. Coach Scott Lorek said the conference offers a tough test every year.

“Our region, like our conference, is real tough,” Lorek said. “I think most of those people not making the All-Region list are getting beaten out by our conference more than the other two conferences.”

The difficult test in conference comes not only from the regional level but in the national level as well. Of the 540 athletes selected for the championship meet 74 of them are from the MIAA conference.

“It all comes down to is the MIAA being what it is and if we can survive the MIAA we’re going to do well at the national level,” Lorek said.

On both sides of the conference the Bearcats face a top three conference in Division II. On the men’s side, the MIAA ranks third as a conference and claims six nationally ranked teams. For the women, the MIAA sits atop Division II with four ranked schools.

In a competitive conference having five athletes reach the All-

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Region was a sign of improvement for the Bearcats. For Isaacson-Cover and Ellis the All-Region honors were an exciting surprise.

“I was very excited, for myself and my other teammates. Everyone has worked very hard and I thank my teammates and my coaches for pushing me to get there,” Isaacson-Cover said.

Ellis found out of his All-Region selection through a fellow teammate, who he did not anticipate being on the same list as.

“Kevin (Shultz) had forwarded the list and congratulated me. I was surprised to see my name show up along with his. I was ecstatic to be listed with other members of the MIAA conference,” Ellis said.

While Shultz and the rest of the national qualifiers prepare for their upcoming meet, the rest of the Bearcat team shifts its focus to the outdoor season. Outdoor season will open March 23-24 with the Ashley Nalley Heptathlon / Herschel Neil Decathlon at Bearcat Stadium.

This gives three weeks for the transition from indoor to outdoor. Isaacson-Cover is focused on improving the small changes she made during the indoor season to push her to the next level.

“My coach and I decided to switch my starting leg for triple jump in the middle of our indoor season, which was very challenging but paid off when I jumped a foot over my previous pr (personal record),” Isaacson-Cover said. “So, I am going to continue to get comfortable and improving jumping the opposite way.”



Freshman Garyn Miller makes do with the windy weather during practice Monday, getting air during a long jump attempt.

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Graduate assistant tennis coach, Romain Boissinot, has spent the last few months transitioning from playing on the team to helping coach it, having just graduated in December.

Former tennis star shines as new graduate assistant

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For four years, Romain Boissinot was a standout player for Northwest tennis. Now, Boissinot has taken on a different role for the team, serving as a graduate assistant.



Boissinot, originally from France, ventured to the United States for his freshman season back in 2013. He made an immediate impact on the program, winning the MIAA Freshman of the Year, among other accolades that season. Boissinot has an even more impressive season the next year, winning MIAA Player of the Year in his sophomore campaign.

The transition from player to instructor has been an adjustment for Boissinot, but coach Mark Rosewell says that Boissinot has shown promise early on in his transition.

“He just started,” Rosewell said. “He graduated in December, but as long as he’s been here he’s been doing an excellent job.”

Rosewell, the most victorious coach in Northwest history, spoke highly of Boissinot when talking about what he meant to the team as a player. Rosewell thinks that

the knowledge Boissinot gained as a player will be beneficial to his transition.

“He was our No. 1 player; he was our best player,” Rosewell said. “He’s got a lot of experience. The other players certainly respect him because he can tell them what they’re doing wrong on the court.”

Boissinot is thrilled about the opportunity to work as a graduate assistant. The French native is pursuing a masters degree in business administration.

“I really like (being a graduate assistant), I’m really enjoying it,” Boissinot said. “It’s a little different, obviously than playing, but I like tennis. I’m enjoying being out with the team and trying to help them in practice and in matches.”

Rosewell has been the one constant in Boissinot’s life since he moved here five years ago. The former star player was appreciative of all the opportunities that were granted to him by his former coach.

“Well first, (Rosewell) gave me a huge opportunity as a player to play here,” Boissinot said. “He always supported me as a player, and then after that, he gave me the opportunity to be a graduate assistant, which was huge for me. I got to play and study here thanks to

him, and now I get to keep studying while getting real work experience.”

When Boissinot arrived in Maryville in 2013, he couldn’t yet speak English fluently. He described his transition as a challenging one, but said that his passion for tennis kept him going. Boissinot says that since the majority of the tennis team has always been made up of international students, it helped him in his adjustment to life away from France.

“It was a little difficult at the beginning because of the language,” Boissinot said. “I was struggling a little bit, and the way we practice, I had never done that much lifting and conditioning. In France, I was mostly practicing tennis, but I wasn’t doing that much physical work. Then, whenever we started the season, I started becoming more adapted (to it).”

The Bearcat is unsure what he’ll do upon the completion of his master’s degree, but he hopes to stay in the United States for at least one year after graduation.

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Softball seeks offensive growth



Senior pitcher Taylor Blackford went 1-1, throwing six strikeouts and allowing only 11 hits in matchups last weekend in Joplin, Missouri.

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Northwest softball had its best weekend of the season so far by going 3-1 at Joplin March 3 and 4.



The Bearcats (6-6) weekend began with a 7-0 win over Sioux Falls March 3. Senior Taylor Blackford was the winning pitcher in the game, recording four strikeouts and allowing five hits. Coach Ryan Anderson highlighted the efforts of his pitching staff this weekend.

“Pitching-wise we did well over the weekend,” Anderson said. “Taylor threw well, Rachel threw well and Holly came in and threw well.”

Sophomore Rachel Smith was the winning pitcher in Northwest’s win over Drury 2-1 on the same day. The victory happened thanks in large part to a two-run home run in the top of the fifth inning from senior Abigail Gilson.

“It was relieving for me to make some solid contact to take the lead,” Gilson said. “We knew that we were the better team, but we were playing a little flat and couldn’t seem to string our hits together.”

Senior Holly Posegate came in for relief in the final two innings for Smith in the Bearcats’ 9-5 win over Rockhurst March 4. The lone defeat for Northwest was against McKendree University 3-2 after it led 2-0 heading into the fifth inning. Gilson said the team thought they let one get away with that game.

“We were all frustrated with our loss to McKendree,” Gilson said. “We were happy to go 3-1, but if just one or two plays would have gone differently, we would have been 4-0 on the weekend.”

Anderson said that improved play from his team’s defense was the key to the successful weekend.

“Defensively, we played better then we have this season,” An-

NEXT GAMES

Northwest @ Lincoln (DH)

March 9 @ 2 p.m., 4 p.m.

Northwest @ Lincoln (DH)

March 10 @ 12 p.m., 2 p.m.

derson said. “The previous weekend, we had been practicing on our turf, and then we played on dirt; we had to adjust. We made some adjustments and the defense looked good.”

Anderson said that finding consistency from a hitting standpoint is something the team needs to continue to work on.

“We had quite a few hitters that were off this weekend still and some that hit well,” Anderson said. “We’re having opportunities, but we just gotta keep swinging and find our groove.”

Gilson also talked about her team’s hitting and said that getting timely hits is something they need to produce more of.

“One thing we need to work on is stringing hits together and not stranding base runners,” Gilson said.

With conference play about to begin, Gilson said that the team’s early challenging opponents has, and will, keep helping the Bearcats’ confidence as the season progresses.

“I expect great things from us this year, and I think our team chemistry will take us to the top of the conference,” Gilson said. “We’ve played a lot of tough competition early in the season, and I think it’s shown us that we can play with any team and beat them on any given day.”

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The Maryville boys basketball season ended Saturday following a 57-47 quarterfinal loss against Hogan Preparatory Academy.

Boys season ends in semifinals

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The Maryville boy’s basketball season ended at Lee’s Summit High School, in the quarter-finals of Class 3 against Hogan Prep for the second year in a row.



The Spoofhounds gave the Rams a 32-minute fight, much like last season, but still wound up on the short end of the game 57-47.

After Maryville took the lead late in the second quarter, Hogan Prep closed the first half on a 9-0 run to lead 25-17. The Spoofhounds’ offense struggled to find a steady attack in the first half and taking charge of the game was stressed in the locker room.

“At halftime, we talked about just being the dog, getting after it,

taking a punch and battling back,” coach Matt Stoecklein said.

His team responded with an inspired start to the third quarter. Maryville went on a 12-2 run to trail 29-27. The Spoofhounds would eventually lead 34-31, after a putback layup from junior Eli Dowis that had the momentum squarely on the side of his team. Dowis had six points down in the post in the quarter.

“In the first half, he wasn’t getting some of those shots,” Stoecklein said. “In the second half, I think he just had more of a determination in him when he got the ball inside.”

The Rams fought back to go on a 10-0 run and took a 43-36 lead about half way through the fourth quarter.

Hogan Prep held on to that

lead, despite valiant efforts from Maryville, including a missed 3-point attempt from junior Creid Stoecklein that would have made the score 47-44 with under two minutes to play.

Rams’ senior Damien Daniels scored a game-high 31 points for the second-straight season and proved once again to be a thorn in the side of Maryville.

“We tried to get someone in front of him, but he is just so quick,” Stoecklein said. “I mean, that first step of his is just unbelievable, and he just breezes right by you. He is by far quicker than anyone we have to guard all year.”

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NW MEN'S BASKETBALL

NABC RANKINGS

OVERALL POINTS

Lincoln Memorial.....	30-1	397
Ferris State.....	32-1	380
Western Oregon.....	29-1	372
Bellarmine.....	28-2	353
NORTHWEST.....	27-3	335
Northern State.....	31-3	308
Queens.....	28-3	288
Southern Nazarene.....	27-2	281
West Florida.....	28-3	270
Morehouse.....	25-2	265
West Texas A&M.....	28-3	254
West Liberty.....	26-3	203
Findlay.....	26-4	181
Wheeling Jesuit.....	26-5	168

CENTRAL REGION FIELD

OVERALL

NORTHWEST.....	27-3
Northern State.....	31-3
Southern Nazarene.....	27-2
SW Minnesota State.....	24-8
Missouri Southern.....	20-9
St. Cloud State.....	23-8
Washburn.....	22-9
Minnesota State.....	22-9

NW SOFTBALL

MIAA STANDINGS

OVERALL MIAA

Central Oklahoma.....	12-5	3-1
Washburn.....	12-3	1-1
Lindenwood.....	7-6	0-0
NORTHWEST.....	6-6	0-0
Missouri Southern.....	7-7	0-0
Northeastern State.....	7-7	0-0
Pittsburg State.....	5-8	0-0
Southwest Baptist.....	6-11	0-0
Central Missouri.....	4-10	0-0
Lincoln.....	3-8	0-0
Fort Hays State.....	4-11	0-0
Missouri Western.....	3-9	0-0
Nebraska Kearney.....	3-11	0-0
Emporia State.....	6-9	0-0

NW BASEBALL

MIAA STANDINGS

OVERALL MIAA

Pittsburg State.....	12-5	5-1
Central Oklahoma.....	10-7	5-1
NORTHWEST.....	8-7	5-1
Central Missouri.....	11-3	4-1
Missouri Southern.....	13-3	2-1
Lindenwood.....	10-6	3-3
Emporia State.....	9-7	3-3
Nebraska Kearney.....	6-10	3-3
Northeastern State.....	10-7	2-4
Fort Hays State.....	9-8	1-5
Southwest Baptist.....	6-11	1-5
Washburn.....	5-10	1-5
Missouri Western.....	7-9	0-3

Schultz embodies Bearcat standard ahead of nationals

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As Northwest indoor track and field prepares to take four athletes to the NCAA Division II Championships in Pittsburg, Kansas, March 9-10, one athlete is familiar with the process. After taking a redshirt year off, junior Kevin Schultz is excited to be back on the track and is no stranger to the national stage. In his sophomore year, he qualified for the national competition in high jump.

Unlike the traditional first-year redshirt, Schultz was on a five-year plan to be a Bearcat and took his redshirt for the indoor and outdoor track season last year. "It just worked out," Schultz said. "Coach Peterson likes to redshirt guys not their freshman year to get them pushed into the program. It was nice to have that redshirt between my junior and senior year."

This isn't the first time an athlete under Lorek has taken a redshirt in the middle of their career. Track graduate assistant and record holder Chloe Wichmann took a redshirt in the middle of her time as a Bearcat as well. Coach Scott Lorek said a year off in the middle of a tenure can greatly help an athlete.

"If you have a year where you redshirt your third year you benefit so much from that because your goals get solidified," Lorek said. "I think Kevin's redshirt year really benefited him in everything going forward."

Schultz isn't just a one trick pony either. Along with high jump, Schultz has bested the previous



heptathlon high with his 5,272 points this year. He finished seventh in the country and qualified for nationals in the heptathlon but chose to compete in the high jump because of the schedule the heptathlon would bring.

"He's been doing really well in both events, and we really gave him the choice of what he wanted to do," Lorek said. "The first thing we had to lay out was the time schedule at the national meet. It was pretty obvious it doesn't work very well. He wanted to do both at the conference meet, then focus on high jump at the national meet."

Recently, Schultz received All-Central Region honors in high jump and heptathlon by the U.S. Track & Field and Cross-Country Coaches Association (USTF-CCCA). Before heading to Pittsburg State, Schultz made his goals for this meet clear, he wants the gold.

"Honestly, my ultimate goal is to win," Schultz said. "That's been my theme of the season to always come out on top and perform to the best of my abilities. My other goal is to clear seven foot."

The school record for the indoor high jump is set at 6-11 1/2, and Schultz has hit that mark this year already. Being that close to the record can prove to be frustrating, but Schultz said he has been putting in the work and is ready to see it pay off.

"He's a guy you look for to lead your program by example because he does that," Lorek said. "He came in as a typical freshman, but you saw the sport grow in him and his commitment get higher. He's fantastically hard working, and his attitude is great. He's all the things you want your team to emulate."

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-Coach Scott Lorek



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Junior Kevin Schultz tied for second place in the high jump at the MIAA Conference Championships Feb. 25, clearing an NCAA provisional height of 6-9.



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Scheel steps down after two years

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A search is under-way for the next coach of the women’s basket-ball program.



Northwest Athletics announced the resignation of coach Buck Scheel March 5. He led the team to a 17-54 record during his two and a half seasons at the helm.

“I would like to thank coach Scheel for his commitment to Bearcat Athletics and for his effort to rebuild our women’s basketball program,” Director of Athletics Mel Tjeerdsma said. “I wish him the best in the next step of his career.”

The Bearcats seek to build upon the foundation Scheel established in an effort to rebuild. Six freshmen made up the team’s roster in 2017-18.

Jaelyn Haggard highlighted the group, being named as the MIAA co-freshman of the year.

“Our team progressed tremendously throughout the course of the season,” Haggard said. “We started off slower than we wanted. Once we hit the second semester, we picked up the pace and grew a lot on and off the floor.”

Northwest finished its 2017-18 quest with a 5-22 record. It marked the fifth consecutive season with a record below .500.

The Bearcats made the MIAA tournament once under Scheel (2016) and lost in the first round.

“The program has really struggled,” Tjeerdsma said. “It’s been a struggle for a number of years. I did feel like at the end of the season this year we became more competitive. We need to build on that.”

Scheel arrived at Northwest as coach Michael Smith’s assistant prior to the 2013-14 season. He became the interim coach fol-



ALEXIS GIESERT | FILE PHOTO
Northwest Athletics announced the resignation of coach Buck Scheel March 5. Scheel compiled a 17-54 record during his two and a half year tenure at the helm. Heather Howard will serve as the interim coach until a full-time replacement is named. No timeline has been announced for the hiring of Scheel’s replacement.

lowing Smith’s unexpected resignation in December 2015.

After coaching the final 18 games of the season, Northwest named Scheel as the program’s eighth coach in effort to begin a rebuild of the program.

“I’ve been very supportive of coach Scheel and I stay that way,” Tjeerdsma said. “I felt like he was there to turn a corner, but a decision had to be made.”

Scheels resignation was an-

nounced just one day after the men’s basketball program claimed its third consecutive MIAA Tournament Championship

Led by Ben McCollum, the men’s program also claimed its fifth consecutive regular season MIAA Title this season.

“It’s one of those tough scenarios,” McCollum said. “I’m good friends with Buck. It makes it tough.”

The hiring process marks the

second in less than six months. Northwest hired coach Marc Gordon to replace longtime women’s soccer coach Tracy Hoza in January.

“I think they did an unbelievable job hiring our new soccer coach,” McCollum said. “If they follow that path, I think there will be a good hire.

Tjeerdsma will not be actively involved in the process of replacing Scheel. He is retiring from

Bearcat Athletics effective April 30.

Heather Howard will serve as the interim coach of the women’s program until a full-time replacement is named. No time table for a hire was given.

“We want to find somebody that is successful,” Tjeerdsma said. “We also want to find somebody that recruits the type of athletes we have in all of our other sports.”

Title town standard difficult for all to mirror



Maryville is home to six football national championships and one basketball national championship, but the slogan ‘Title Town’ comes at a cost.



Northwest hosts the idea that winning is a normality in any circumstance, but when that idea becomes a truth, some things are going to suffer and be left behind.

A common thing for many Northwest students is to push love for the football and basketball teams. Now both of these teams deserve high praise in all the accomplishments they have earned. Being one of the only schools to be awarded a national championship in both of those sports in the same year is an accolade any school would want on its resume.

But the biggest thing to understand is the effect of other sports when the standard of winning is so high. Many of the Northwest athletic programs battle for the spotlight to be pushed out for the fact that they aren’t national championship contenders.

Here are three specific examples of what I’m talking about: for most schools, the big three is more important than anything else on campus.

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Bats catch fire in MIAA competition

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Northwest baseball continues its fiery trend from the offensive side of the diamond as the Bearcats start their MIAA play winning five of the first six games.



The Bearcats (8-7) reversed their luck from the start of the season as they began plating runs in bunches to provide a hot streak to kick off conference play.

The baseball team bested Fort Hays State (9-8) over this past weekend, taking two-of-three from the Tigers. Both of the victories were brought due to a newfound offensive rhythm that the Bearcats generated to battle MIAA foes.

Game one and game three proved the Bearcats new versatile offense worthy, when the Bearcats were able to score a season high 13 runs to lead off the series and 11 in the rubber match. This marks the third time Northwest was able to put 10-plus runs on the scoreboard.

“It goes back to repetition, we are starting to see more pitching outside,” senior first baseman Kevin Handzlik said. “It’s really starting to turn around for us, especially hitting-wise, just seeing more pitches and at-bats.”

Many of the changes that are easily identified from the start of the season to now, rest solely on the leadership of the seniors. From getting into the heads of the younger guys and pushing them forward, to being a rallying voice in the times of trouble, the Bearcats wouldn’t be in such a strong position without them and their words of experience.

“I think a huge thing is in my four years, I think our talent level is probably at the best I’ve seen,” Handzlik said. “The one huge thing we are trying to instill is nothing is going to be given, we got to go take it, regardless if that’s home, away or anything.”

One of the biggest aspects of coach Darin Loe’s philosophy in baseball is “you have to be comfortable being uncomfortable.” So as the weather acts up and things seem to go the opposite way for the Bearcats, it’s a learning experience from Loe’s perspective.

“I think especially this year the one thing we have to do as a team is be flexible,” Loe said. “Wheth-



DYLAN COLDSMITH | NW MISSOURIAN
Senior Jake Lewis snags the ball during a recent practice on Mel Tjeerdsma Field. After being frequently displaced to the field so far this season due to poor weather conditions, the Northwest baseball team will look forward to their first home games this weekend.

er that’s changing our home games and going to Emporia, whether that’s playing in 35 miles per hour winds in Hays, Kansas, or playing in 40 degree temperatures in the Midwest.”

No one man has pushed the offense forward, but as a team, the Bearcats have come together to show just how dangerous their batting can be. A select few that are leading the pack is senior catcher Alixon Herrera, Handzlik and junior utility man Jay Hrdlicka. These three account for the top-three batting averages on the team

with .357, .340 and .333 respectively. They also provide evidence to the drastic change in hitting.

Herrera began MIAA play batting only .286, Hanzlik began with a .304 and Hrdlicka began with a .389 before a hitless (0-7) day at Emporia dropped it all the way to .286. Though these three lead the charge, collectively, everybody makes an impact on a daily basis.

Though the damages of cold weather and cancellations were felt early, those same factors are coming back to provide Northwest with a distinct advantage.

NEXT GAME
Northwest vs Northeastern State March 9-11 @ 2 p.m., 1 p.m., 1 p.m

The last time Northwest was scheduled to host their home opener, the weather pushed it to Emporia. Now the Bearcats will get their shot to play at home this weekend.

“The most exciting thing is we have a really good opportunity to be really good at home,” Handzlik said. “